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A MAN BORN TO DIE !!!!

INT: Matt. 5:17-18* Study: person helped fulfill text.
All **information** about him in 10 N. T. chapters.
MISSION: Born to serve and die! (Some shorter ~~lines~~)
LESSON: The FOUR ROLES of John the Baptist.

I. ROLE I A HEAVEN-SENT SON TO ZACH. & ELIZABETH.

- A. John was wanted! Prayed for! Luke 1:5-17.*
- B. Leader of men. v. 16. Matt. 3:3.*
- C. Life, one of specific purpose. V. 15. Lk. 7:28.
- D. Prepare the People for the Lord. v. 17. M. 3:2.
- E. John brought great joy to parents. v. 14. 3:5-6

II. ROLE II A HEAVEN-HONORED PROPHET SENT TO ISRAEL.

- A. John's popularity aroused Herod's interest. M3:5
- B. Herod's spies reported unusual things:
 - 1. PEOPLE: Share! Lk. 3:10-11.*
(Good! Save on the welfare funds.)
 - 2. PUBLICANS: Be honest! 3:12-13.*
(Good! Save time in law suits and appeals.)
 - 3. SOLDIERS: Be content! 3:14.
(Good! Cut down desertions & court marshalls)
 - 4. PHARISEES & SADDUCEES: Vipers! Matt. 3:7-10
(Good! Need trimming down--put in place.)
- C. HEROD ALL FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST = TO THIS POINT

III. ROLE III A HEAVEN-BACKED FRIEND TO HEROD.

- A. Friend defined:
 - One who knows all about you and still loves you
 - One who will tell you the truth regardless....
 - B. John pointed out Herod's illegal marriage.
Mark 6:18. Not lawful. Lk. 3:19. all the evil
POINT: God's Law on Marriage is BINDING on saint
and sinner alike--from beginning. Else why is
Herod, a reprobate, guilty of anything????
Fuqua idea: Not subject until after obey Gospel
therefore divorces & remarriages don't count.
Ill. Pasadena elders sensitive. (J. R. McDonald
divorced and remarried---at will.)
STATEMENT: God's law on MARRIAGE was binding on
Adam and Eve and every human being since!!!!
 - C. Herod has some righteous impulses:
 - 1. Respected John's character. Mk. 6:20.
 - 2. Heard him GLADLY and DID many things. 6:20.
(Kind to John, helpful-soliticious!)
- BUT....he did not turn from his sins!!!!

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IV. ROLE IV A HEAVEN-CLAIMED SACRIFICE. *

- A. John knew played supporting role. J:1-29-37
- B. Knew his days were numbered. J. 3:30.
If John HAD started Baptist church it
would have disappeared. Decrease!
- C. John could have extended his life had he
preached LESS SPECIFICALLY. Got problems-
- D. Would have kept his HEAD, but lost SOUL.
Note: Truth, godliness and honesty were
more important to John than life!

EPITOME OF JOHN BAPTIST'S LIFE: Men of character
do not shun the truth, retreat from
righteousness nor compromise with sin.

INV. Truth: He that believeth and is BAPTIZED is
not popular today. Billy Graham shuns it.
Still truth. God's Word. Only way. (Mk.16)
Salvation only in Jesus and His way.
John 14:6. Acts 4:12.

Truth: Erring Christian MUST repent of
his sin and pray for forgiveness to
know RELIEF. I John 1:9.
Not popular....but no other way.

Some don't like to PUBLICALLY identify.
How else "obey the elders-overseeing
the flock"?

How else let elders know want to be
a part of this family--work here!

*Matt. 5:17-18. 675.*JOHN THE BAPTIST*none helped this
"fulfillment more than
John."*

INT:

Study of a N. T. character. All infor. in 10 chapters.
 Matt. 3,11, 14. Mk. 1,6. Lk. 1,3,7. John 1,3.
 Who is it? Clue: Played 4 major roles. JOHN BAPTIST!!

I. ROLE I. A HEAVEN-SENT SON TO ZACH. & ELIZABETH.

- A. John was wanted and prayed for. Lk. 1:5-17.
 1. Child of purpose. Vs. 15. Lk. 7:28.
 2. Leader of men, to God. 16. Matt. 3:2.
 3. Prepare the people for the Messiah. 17. Matt. 3:3.
 B. A joy-giving son. V. 14. Matt. 3:5-6.*

II. ROLE II. A HEAVEN-HONORED PROPHET SENT TO ISRAEL.

- A. John's popularity aroused King Herod's intense interest. Matt. 3:3. A NEW king!!!
 B. What Herod heard when he spied on John the Baptist.
 1. People: Share your food and clothing. L. 3:10-11.
 Good!! This will save county funds! Good!
 2. Publicans: Charge the taxes fairly. V. 12-13.
 Good!! Save me investigations, enforcement
 3. Soldiers: Calm down, be honest, quit striking for higher wages. Vs. 14
 Good! My report on peace be better.
 4. Pharisees and Sadducees. Vipers! M. 3:7-10.*
 Good! Needed trimming down. Very fine!!

III. ROLE III. A HEAVEN-BACKED FRIEND SENT TO HEROD.

- A. Exposed Herod's adultery etc. Mk. 6:18. Lk. 3:19.
 B. Herod came close to becoming a Christian. Mk. 6:17-20
 1. Knew John was just and holy. V. 20. Admired him.
 2. Heard and observed John *gladly*. 20. Impressed.
 3. Did many things! V. 20. (Cut cursing, stopped open gambling, controlled drinking etc. etc.)

IV. ROLE IV. A HEAVEN-CLAIMED SACRIFICE TO GOD.

- A. John could have lived to ripe old age, IF had left royalty alone and preached to poor and helpless.
 B. John could have lived to enjoy his old-age pension if had kept preaching general. But "adultery!!"
 C. John could have kept his HEAD, but lost his SOUL.
 Instead, Herodias got his *head*, but God got his *heart & soul*.

*No compromise - retreat or
recapitulation!*

INV:

Who has your heart tonight! God or Herod? *recapitulation!*
 If God doesn't have it, Christ invites you to give it to him right now.